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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its plenary meeting, on 15 May 2001, the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of the following member States: Brazil, China, Cuba, Gabon, Ireland, Mauritius, Russian Federation, Thailand and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 18 May 2001.

3. H.E. Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul, (Thailand) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. A representative of the secretariat informed the Committee of the status of credentials of representatives as at 18 May 2001. Credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva or by the Embassy at the venue of the Conference upon the explicit authorization of the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been submitted by 149 States. The representatives of 10 States had not submitted any credentials at the date of the meeting of the Committee.

5. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should decide to accept the credentials of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 4. In connection with the credentials which had not yet been submitted in due form, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee accept the assurances given by the representatives concerned, on the understanding that their credentials, issued in conformity with rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, would be submitted promptly to the Secretary-General of the Conference. There was no objection to this proposal.

6. The Chairman then proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

"*The Credentials Committee*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives of the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

"*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives to the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and recommends to the Conference that it approve the report of the Credentials Committee."

7. The Committee adopted the above draft resolution without a vote.

8. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution.

"CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE CONFERENCE"

"*The Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries*,

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee"

9. The Committee endorsed the above proposal without a vote.

10. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

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